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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD APRIL 2, 2023

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

The Mass of Anticipation for Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 5:00PM Charlie Haigh—Memorial

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Irene Sullivan—Memorial

10:30AM Kevin F. Healey—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Monday of Holy Week

7:30AM Jane Daly—Memorial

12:05PM Lewis Sturchio—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:30AM Segusmundo & Harold Salgado—Memorial

12:05PM Fr. Raymond Tétrault—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 SPY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30AM George Bonaski—Memorial

12:05PM Thomas, Evelyn, & Domenic Scialla-Memorial

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00PM Deceased Pastors of Our Lady of Mercy Church

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Easter Vigil

7:30PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We rejoice that hundreds of people came to Our Lady of Mercy last Saturday for All-Day Confessions. As the Gospel of Saint Luke reminds us: "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

We thank the volunteers who helped greet people and welcomed them to OLM. We also thank the priests who helped to hear Confessions, some for two or three hours! Truly it was a great day full of mercy and forgiveness for so many!

If you couldn't make it to All-Day Confessions, there is one more opportunity before Easter. This Holy Week, we offer Confessions on Wednesday night, not the usual Monday night, due to the Chrism Mass at Cathedral Monday the on evening. Four priests will be available from 6:00pm until for Confession 8:00pm Wednesday.

Our forty days of Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are ending. We begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday by recalling Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. At the heart of our faith is the Paschal Mystery: the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. All of salvation history leads to and goes forth from these saving events.

We call this "Holy Week" because it is the holiest week of the Church Year. It is the Week that Changed the World! St. Josemaría Escriva said: "The tragedy of the Passion brings to fulfillment our own life

and the whole of human history. We can't let Holy Week be just a kind of commemoration. It means contemplating the mystery of Jesus Christ as something which continues to work in our souls. The Christian must be altered – Christus, ipse Christus: another Christ, Christ Himself."

Our celebration of Holy Week begins this Palm Sunday as we remember in faith the triumphal entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem to begin his final week and initiate his Passion. Today, as we receive the palm branches, we may consider ourselves part of that vast crowd. How will we journey with Jesus this week?

Let the palm remind us to praise Christ with our prayerful presence during the Sacred Triduum. Join us this week for the Sacred Triduum. Our celebration is a powerful and profoundly prayerful expression of our faith.

Holy Thursday begins the Sacred Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm. At this Mass, we recall the institution of the Eucharist and the Sacred Priesthood by Jesus Christ. The Church remains open until Midnight for private prayer and devotion before the Eucharistic Lord at the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday, we recall the Lord's Passion and Crucifixion. It is a day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat. We are urged to keep Good Friday free of work, social activities, and unnecessary distractions like phones, TV, radio, the internet, and social media.

Rather we should devote ourselves to private prayer and reflection as well as communal prayer and worship. On Good Friday at 3:00pm, we pray the Stations of the Cross, and at 7:00pm, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and venerate the Cross.

In our prayer, devotion, and veneration of the Cross, we echo St. Francis of Assisi, who said: "We adore you, and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

On Holy Saturday, we recall Jesus in the tomb as we pray and prepare for the Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil Mass is at 7:30pm and is the only Mass allowed on this day. We begin in total darkness as we recall the death of Christ, and then the Church comes alive with light as we recall his glorious Resurrection.

We will baptize and receive several people fully into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil. Pray for them as they join our Church. They have been preparing for months by studying the Catholic Faith. We congratulate them, welcome them, and promise our prayers for them.

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice at Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:30am. There is no 5:00pm evening Mass on Easter Sunday. Join us this Holy Week and enter fully into the Sacred Mysteries of our faith. Let the Week that Changed the World change your life! Be well. Do good. God Bless! Have a Blessed Holy Week.

Father Healey

Palm Sunday Passion

THE FULL title of the Sunday before Easter is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The official title of Good Friday is Friday of the Passion of the Lord. On both these days, the liturgy includes a lengthy section from one of the Gospels detailing the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ. In all four Gospels, the Passion occupies the greatest single element. Although the proclamation of the Passion lengthens the liturgy, no one seems to mind. The very length underscores the importance of Jesus' death in the life of every single person.

Prior to 1970, Matthew's account was heard every year on Palm Sunday. Mark's was proclaimed on Tuesday of Holy Week, and Luke's on Wednesday. Then, as now, the Passion according to St. John, the most sublime of them all, has been reserved for Good Friday.

After Vatican II, the lectionary blossomed into a three-year cycle, which allowed for a more generous hearing of all four Gospels throughout the liturgical year. On Palm Sunday, the Passions according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke are now heard respectively in Years A, B, and C of the cycle. The benefit of this is that over a period of years, Catholics can hear all the various accounts of the Passion. As in the past, though, they won't hear some familiar episodes each year. For example, Jesus' conversation with the good thief appears only in Luke.

One practical reason for proclaiming one of the Passions on Palm Sunday is that not everyone can return on Good Friday. However, one of the most important spiritual exercises for every Catholic is to observe the Sacred Paschal Triduum by participating in the principal services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. Those who do will experience the full impact of the Passion of Palm Sunday.

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March 26, 2023

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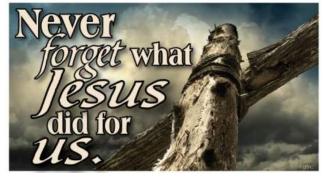


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RE Schedule

- Sunday, April 9: Happy Blessed Easter! No classes
- <u>Sunday, April 16</u>: 5:00pm Mass followed by Class for Grades 5, 6 & 7 in the OLM School Gym (Last class)
- <u>Sunday, April 23</u>: 9:00am Mass followed by Class for Grades 1 & 2 First Communion 2023 in the OLM School Gym (Last class for Grade 1)
- <u>Saturday April 29</u>: Mandatory First Communion Interviews with Fr. Healey & Fr. Mahoney, 10:00am-2:00pm
- <u>Sunday, April 30</u>: 5:00pm Mass followed by Class for Grade 8 Confirmation 2023 (Last class)



- <u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- OLM Bereavement Group: Next meeting Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

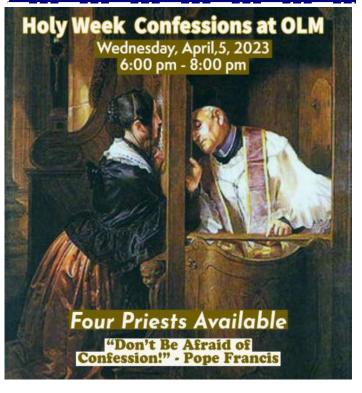


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Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 3: Yearbook Club @2:30; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
- •<u>Tuesday, April 4</u>: Mock Trial Practice @2:30pm; Girls on the Run @2:30pm
- •Wednesday, April 5: Band Rehearsals @2:30pm;
- •<u>Thursday, April 6</u>: Half-Day with Early Dismissal for Holy Thursday. No extended Day Program.
- Friday, April 7: Good Friday. No School. Easter Vacation begins.

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Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia! He has risen as He said, Alleluia!

A Blessed Easter!

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HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6
Office of Readings
& Morning Prayer at 8:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 pm
Adoration of the Altar of Repose
until 12:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7 Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8 Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:00 am Vigil Mass of Easter at 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am No 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

***** Holy Thursday

THE MASS of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday ends the season of Lent and begins the Triduum, the sacred three days when we commemorate the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. The church looks different: The tabernacle is completely empty; its doors may be opened and the sanctuary lamp extinguished. The altar may have moderate floral decoration. At Mass, bells ring during the Glory to God, but then they remain silent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments should not play solos. The washing of the feet may follow the homily. Contributions for the poor are included in the procession of the gifts. The Eucharistic Prayer recalls that this is the night on which Jesus was handed over and on which he handed over his Body and Blood to us. After Communion, the leftover consecrated bread is placed in a vessel on the altar and incensed. The priest picks up the vessel with

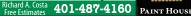
the humeral veil and processes through the church to a side altar or a separate chapel suitably decorated. The Blessed Sacrament is incensed again and closed inside a tabernacle.

No other Mass is celebrated this day—not even in the morning—without permission of the bishop and only for serious reasons. Holy Communion may be given to the sick, but no one else may share in Communion outside of Mass.

After Mass, the altar is stripped, and the Crosses in the church are removed or veiled. The faithful may begin the paschal fast, which is obligatory on Good Friday, but urged on Holy Saturday as well. They are encouraged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament sometime before midnight, remembering how Jesus asked Peter, "Could you not stay awake with me one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

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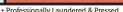
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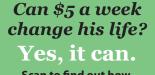
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